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Serial No. 09/690,040) Group Art Unit:
Filed: 10/17/2000) Examiner:
For: "Light-Controlled Electrokinetic Assembly)
of Particles Near Surfaces")

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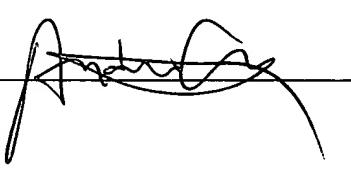
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